GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS
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REGENERATION OF DEGRADED FOREST LANDS
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have recently formulated any new policy to involve village communities and voluntary agencies for regeneration of degraded forest lands;

(b) if so, whether the Government have taken steps to seek their help for the development of waste-land, tree plantation, afforestation, reduction of soil erosion etc. during the last three years;

(c) if so, the details thereof ; and

(d) the future plans of the Government with a view to give an impetus to such aspects of environment protection?

Answer

MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI T.R. BAALU)

(a), (b), (c) & (d) No, Sir. However, under the major afforestation schemes of Ministry of Environment & Forests namely Integrated Afforestation and Eco-Development Project Scheme (IAEPS), Area Oriented Fuelwood and Fodder Projects Scheme (AOFFP Conservation and Development of Non-Timber Forest Produce including medicinal plants Scheme (NTFP) and Association of Schedule Tribes & Rural Poor in regeneration of degraded forests on usufruct sharing basis (ASTRP), Joint Forest Management (JFM) has been made an integral part of the scheme.Funds are earmarked for JFM in the projects.Recently, with a view to further strengthen the participatory process, Forest Development Agencies have been initiated on a pilot basis in the country.